

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's thorough examination of the present application, as shown in the Office Action mailed November 20, 2006. In response, Applicant has canceled Claims 64-86, and added new Claims 87-104. As a result, Claims 87-104 are currently pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment, in conjunction with the following remarks, places the application in immediate condition for allowance. Applicant hereby respectfully requests for the Examiner's favorable reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Formal Matter

I. Time Extension and RCE Request

Along with this response, Applicant submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to have the above amendments entered. In addition, Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time necessary to maintain the pendency of the present application. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2613, Order No. 45098.00010.UTL1.P1068, in the amount of \$795 for the Request for Continued Examination and \$120 for the one-month extension of time.

Art Rejection

Claims 64-86 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Ludwig et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,237,025 ("Ludwig"). Applicant respectfully disagrees Ludwig does not disclose many limitations of the new claims.

Ludwig discloses a multimedia collaboration system (e.g., a two-party videoconferencing system) where a collaborative multimedia work station (CMW) can initiate and establish video conference calls, via an Audio Video Network Manager ("AVNM"), with any other CMWs that have logged in the system and registered with a service. It is respectfully submitted that among other things, Ludwig does not disclose any features that can render a multimedia conference session to be dynamically configurable, as provided in the new claims. Applicant respectfully

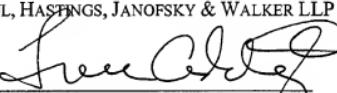
submits that, new claims, claims 87-104 sufficiently distinguish the present application from Ludwig and other prior art references noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that a variance exists between the amount tendered and that required by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to enter and consider this Amendment, or to prevent abandonment of the present application, please charge or credit such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2613, Order No. 45098.00010.UTL1.P1068, including the petition for extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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